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June A. Spears Sr.

June Austin Spears Sr., 82, of Kentwood, La., died Dec. 16, 2012, at his home.

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Visitation is 5 to 9 p.m. Friday with Masonic services at 6:30 p.m. at Greenlaw Baptist Church in Kentwood. Visitation continues 9 a.m. Saturday at the church until services there at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Gibbie McMillan officiating. Burial will be in Osyka Cemetery. McKneely Funeral Home of Kentwood is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Austin was born July 9, 1930, in Amite, La. He was the son of June Bacot Spears and Nova Gill Spears Ott. He was the widower of Ruth Ritchie Ott Varnado Spears.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who was known by many as "Daddy," "Uncle June," "PaPa June" and "Nubby."

After graduation from Osyka High School, Mr. June joined the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a police officer for the Baton Rouge City Police and was a retired boilermaker from the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers NTL. If you needed a job, he was the one to call. And if you did call him, you had better be ready to work!

He enjoyed gardening on his old Cub tractor and loved to fish and squirrel hunt. With the help of his sons, he built his home using refurbished lumber from old houses.

Mr. Spears was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Jo Ann Blackwell Spears James and Emma Jean Forbes Spears; his son, Austin Wayne Spears; and a grandson, Justin Englo Ballard.

Survivors include 10 children, James Parnell Spears and wife Lynne, and William Bacot Spears, all of Kentwood, Jeanine Spears Stewart and husband Allen of Gillsburg, June Austin Spears Jr. of Kentwood, Lt. U.S. Navy (Ret.) Leigh Ann Spears Wrather of Smyrna, Tenn., John Mark Spears and wife Linda Ann of Osyka, Linda Ann Brandon Kjos and hus-

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